

Feds Probing City Gas Spill

City officials will meet next Tuesday to formulate their answer to an Environmental Protection Agency inquiry as to whether federal law was violated by the discharge of gasoline from an overturned truck at Highway M and Campbell last month.

Acting City Manager Kurt Naegler reported a letter from Jerome Svore, regional EPA administrator, Kansas City, stating that agency was informed the fire department "opened the dome lids" on the overturned tanker, causing the discharge of some 6000 gallons of gasoline into U.S. waters.

Full report was requested to aid the EPA in determining whether the fire department was in violation, including what steps the city will take to assure that it won't happen again.

At the scene of the spill, fire department officials explained it was necessary to remove some of the fuel through the dome lids because the position of the truck prevented it from being drained through a valve into another tanker. Fuel had to be removed so that the overturned truck could be righted.

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